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Guest Columnist

**CHARLEY'S**

THE OTHER MORNING, as I was eating breakfast before coming to work, I noticed the headlines on a large daily newspaper. Probably many of you were doing the same thing at the same time. There seemed to be innumerable stories of teenage and juvenile crimes — "Dope Crazed Youth in Sticker" — "Juvenile Shoots Father" — "Police Raid Wild Marijuana Party" — and so on.

As I read these stories I began to feel despondent and in my own mind I began berating the parents — then the kids — then the Police — and the schools. As I left for work, my mind was filled with thoughts that were really not good — nor constructive. They were just the thoughts of a human being who was upset and confused.

Let me say that even though my day started poorly, it was a day that I'll remember for a long time. A day that when it was over, I didn't want to go to bed — I wanted to prolong it just a few minutes longer. It was a day that I enjoyed listening to my wife talk of her day, her trials and troubles, and I found myself noticing small things about her as she talked — how one eyebrow curves a little more than the other when she's serious and how pleasant it was to hear her laugh. And when the kids started arguing over who had the comb last, it merely focused my attention on a couple of wonderful kids — "my kids," "my loves," "my life," and then this feeling inside me got a little bigger and I felt as though I knew the greatest secret in the world.

But, let me get back to the events that changed my feelings at the beginning of the day. As I left home I was mad. I jumped into the car and roared off down the street. I hit the first traffic light on the red signal — more irritation. I sat there twisting my head back and forth watching both signals, so that when the opposite signal turned yellow I could jump across the intersection.

I noticed standing on the corner a young couple — a beautiful young girl and a clean cut football type young man, apparently on their way to high school. She was talking and laughing, but she was half turned toward him and her head was tilted up. You got the impression that she was listening more than talking — that she was talking so that she could listen and watch. Her every action implied faith and the bitterness in my mind began to melt.

Just on the spur of the moment I pulled across the street and parked. I watched this couple and the other kids going to school — big kids and little kids — until they were all gone. Then I sat a little longer, thinking of what I had just read in the paper and compared it to what I had just seen. I realized that I was letting the exception of some other town influence my thoughts of our kids.

So off I went to work — happy and confident, with a heart full of faith. I will always try to demonstrate faith and confidence in our kids — in our Fathers and Mothers — and our town.

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### Ex-Officials Seek Return Of Old Jobs

Petitions for a writ of mandate forcing the city to defend its action in dismissing Building Inspector James S. Dresser and his assistant, Cecil Smith, were scheduled to be served on the City Council during its meeting last night.

Prepared by Attorney John E. McCall, who has represented the two former city employees since their summary dismissal last spring, the action is a demand on the city to restore the pair to their former positions with back pay or to justify their dismissal in court.

Dresser and Smith were suspended by the city during hearings on building irregularities in a North Torrance tract and were later dismissed by the Council at the conclusion of the hearings.

Last night's move by their attorney was an effort to have the city's action declared void.

The writ probably will be filed in Superior Court Monday.

### Fall Off Ladder Sends Man to Hospital Here

Grant C. Murray, 44, suffered a fractured elbow and a possible back injury when he stepped onto a broken ladder Sunday afternoon. Murray, of 2513 Doble Ave., Harbor City, was repairing a television aerial on the roof.

A fire department rescue squad was summoned to assist in getting Murray off a first-story roof.

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### Ballot Proposals Reprinted For Voters' Information

Here is the way two bond proposals facing Torrance voters will appear on the ballots which will be handed out at the polls next Tuesday. If Torrance voters follow the suggestion of the HERALD and nearly every civic and service organization in Torrance, the "X" will follow the YES on the completed ballot.

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 1: Shall the City of Torrance incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$700,000 for the purpose of the acquisition and construction by said city of a certain municipal improvement, to wit: a building for municipal uses, such building to provide offices and quarters for the city officers and departments including quarters for the legislative and administrative officers, the police department, the city jail, and including the planting and landscaping of grounds and provision for vehicle parking therefor, and the acquisition of all land, furniture, equipment and apparatus necessary therefor?	YES	X
	NO	

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 2: Shall the City of Torrance incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of the acquisition and construction by said city of a certain municipal improvement, to wit: a swimming pool and bath-house, together with heating, water heating and purification facilities, dressing rooms, lockers, toilets and showers, including the planting and landscaping of grounds and provision for vehicle parking therefor, and the acquisition of all land, furniture, fixtures, equipment and other property necessary therefor?	YES	X
	NO	

### Police Jail Youth Found With Weapon

When Police Sergeant M. H. Porter and Officer R. C. Wright found 23-year-old Frederick E. Eakins asleep in his car at the Torrance Beach early yesterday morning, they asked a few questions. He had a .45 caliber automatic resting beside him.

Officers brought him in for interrogation and learned he was wanted on a burglary charge by San Pedro detectives. Police charge he looted a Wilmington store Wednesday night.

### Finchmobile To Visit in Riviera Area

Bob Finch and the Finchmobile will be guests at the home of Mrs. Selden D. Johnston, 183 Via Monte D'Oro, Hollywood Riviera, Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Johnston, precinct director for the area, has invited all residents in the section to her house to meet the Congressional candidate.

Republican headquarters has announced that the meeting will be a "tuna hour" with special tuna tidbits served to guests.

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### CITY OFFICIALS REACH BARRICADE AGREEMENT

A six-point agreement between Torrance and Redondo city officials may pave the way for a reopening of Avenue E at the Torrance-Redondo boundary, City Manager George Stevens reported here following a meeting with Redondo officials Monday.

Meeting at the barricade to discuss their problems were Stevens, Redondo City Manager Francis Hopkins, Redondo Councilman William Czuleger, R. F. Bracewell and N. H. Templin of the Los Angeles County Road Dept., and Richard L. Newton, deputy for Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Representatives of the three jurisdictions came up with the following temporary solution to the problem, Hopkins and Stevens reported:

1. Widen the pavement on the one-block strip as wide as possible.
  2. Paint a three-foot walkway on the south side to give children a place to walk when going to and from school.
  3. Limit parking to the north side of the street only.
  4. Place a load limit on the road to bar heavy trucks.
  5. Install stop signs immediately at the Susanna Blvd.-Palos Verdes Blvd. intersection.
  6. Install stop signs at both ends of the block—and then watch the street carefully. If still considered hazardous, put a stop sign in the middle of the block.
- City Manager Stevens said the proposals would tend to discourage the through traffic which had been using the street as a shortcut to and from work.

### Bond Issue

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School District, either as to classrooms or operating expenses.

In its own resolution urging approval of the two bond issues, the City Council pointed up the fact that the lack of parking facilities in the heart of the retail center of the city has become critical.

If a new civic center is provided in Tuesday's election, the present City Hall, police station, and fire station will be sold for commercial use, city officials report.

The average household will pay out about \$1.75 the first year for the two bond issues if approved Tuesday, officials point out. The cost will be less each year as the bonds are retired.

Absentee ballots may be voted at the City Hall up until this evening, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett has stated. Persons planning to be out of town Tuesday may go to the City Hall and receive a ballot, the City Clerk said.

Persons seeking information on their polling place next Tuesday should call the City Hall at FAirfax 8-5310. Twenty-eight precincts will be open for the balloting. Precincts will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

### Bloodmobile

Collects 218 Pints of Blood

Torrance donors added 218 pints of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank here Monday, Mrs. Gordon Jones, blood recruitment chairman for the local chapter, reported yesterday.

Of the 263 persons who offered to donate blood during the Bloodmobile visit here Monday, only 35 were turned down, Mrs. Jones said.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce qualified as a new participating group, she said.

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